

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ian Kenneth Shepherd

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For: **Methods and Apparatus Relating
to the Formulation and Trading of
Investment Contracts**

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Second Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits the following Reply and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.